

MINUTES OF PEOTONE PARK DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING AUGUST 18, 2020

1. ROLL CALL

Park District meeting called to order at 7:01pm. Present were Wade Callahan, Barbara Sim, Jacklyn Van Overmeiren, Shaun Ziems. Lindsey Schwiesow absent. Also, present Kim Stroud, Park Manager, Jeff Eschbach. Park maintenance. Public attendance: Tony Dabulskis, Kristi McCarthy, Shawa McCarthy, Brian Orzel, Justin Robison, Camden Schuman, Graham Natale, Dravyn Wilkey.

2. APPROVAL OR CORRECTIONS TO MINUTES OF JUNE 23, 2020 REGULAR MEETING

Motion to approve minutes from July 21, 2020 Park District board meeting, with changes by Shaun Ziems, seconded by Jackie Van Overmeiren. Roll call: Shaun Ziems yes, Jackie Van Overmeiren yes, Wade Callahan yes, Barbara Sim yes. Motion passed 4/0/0.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND/OR QUESTIONS

Brian Orzel has been having weekly Wednesday open soccer nights from 5:30 – 7:30 pm. Open to kids age 7-14. Averaging 20 attendees. Jeff has lined the field.

Graham Natale addressed the board regarding the skate park. The kids would like to see improvements to fixtures and adding additional pieces. They would also like to add murals to the end-panels of the half-pipe. They would help with the improvements and murals.

Jam night for local musicians on the agenda below.

Tony Dabulskis has been using the disc golf course and would like to have a tournament 9.20.20 on agenda below. Golfers have made donations to the Park which will be used for up keep and maintenance of disc golf course. Playing 10-week sessions. First session almost at end and will begin a second one following week. Flyer attached for tournament.

4. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND PAYROLL

Motion to approve accounts payable and payroll as presented by Jackie Van Overmeiren, seconded by Shaun Ziems. Roll call: Jackie Van Overmeiren yes, Shaun Ziems yes, Wade Callahan yes, Barbara Sim yes. Motion passed 4/0/0.

5. REPORTS:

A. FINANCIAL REPORT – see attached reports.

B. COMPLIANCE/LEGAL REPORT–Village of Peotone called Wade for Indemnification Agreement. Last one was sent back to them with changes and they have not returned to us. No further information from the school district regarding an inter-government agreement.

C. MAINTENANCE REPORT –Jeff gave update on Park grounds. Baseball and softball fields have been worked on for Jr. High practices and games.

D. REC CARE – Meeting held between Kim and RecCare instructors. Instructors are not comfortable under current COVID 19 restrictions in providing instruction. School District will

not allow outside programs in schools so an alternative location would have to be used and transportation will be an issue in getting kids to RecCare.

E. MANAGERS REPORT –see attached report.

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. NEW PROGRAMS – None.

B. CAPITOL IMPROVEMENTS – Discussion on adding outdoor exercise stations at Division St. Park. Cost of approx. \$13,000 for equipment and 16 x 36 concrete pad. Discussion on cost of one platform versus individual platforms under each piece of equipment. Barb will check further into costs.

C. AUTHORIZE REPAIRS/UPGRADES TO PARK FACILITIES – Park signage at West St. to be changed to a 2-sided LED lit digital sign. Brick platform to be constructed with left-over bricks from softball field and purchase any additional bricks needed. Sean Galbreath has agreed to help move the electric from the current spotlights to the location. Motion to authorize signage as proposed (see print-out attached) up to cost of \$20,000 by Shaun Ziems, seconded by Barbara Sim. Roll call: Shaun Ziems yes, Barbara Sim yes, Wade Callahan yes, Jackie Van Overmeiren yes. Motion passed 4/0/0.

D. AUTHORIZE REPAIRS/UPGRADES TO PARK EQUIPMENT – Some of the Park playground equipment to be removed and replaced at each of the 4 Park playgrounds. Shaun has details on cost and suggested pieces. Motion to authorize removal and upgrade to playground equipment per the discretion of Shaun Ziems, up to the cost of \$20,000 by Barbara Sim, seconded by Jackie Van Overmeiren. Roll call: Barbara Sim yes, Jackie Van Overmeiren yes, Wade Callahan yes, Shaun Ziems yes. Motion passed 4/0/0.

E. PRELIMINARILY APPROVE BUDGET & APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE – tabled.

F. SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING ON PRELIMINARY BUDGET & APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE – tabled.

G. AUTHORIZE PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PRELIMINARY BUDGET & APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE – tabled.

H. UPDATE ON PROPERTY ANNEXATIONS – no update.

I. UPDATE ON EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK/PERSONNEL POLICY – Kim will work on putting information together from samples of other park districts and Illinois Parks Association.

J. STATUS OF PARK CLOSURES CONCERNING COVID-19 PANDEMIC – No change.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. APPROVE DISC GOLF TOURNAMENT – Motion to approve Disc Golf Tournament to be held 9.20.20 by Shaun Ziems seconded by Jackie Van Overmeiren. Roll call: Shaun Ziems yes, Jackie Van Overmeiren yes, Wade Callahan yes, Barbara Sim yes. Motion passed 4/0/0.

B. CANCEL REC CARE PROGRAM– Motion to cancel RecCare until further notice by Shaun Ziems, seconded by Barbara Sim. Roll call: Shaun Ziems yes, Barbara Sim yes, Wade Callahan yes, Jackie Van Overmeiren yes. Motion passed 4/0/0.

C. APPROVE JAM NIGHTS -Jam Nights to be held for residents to be able to showcase their musical talent at the Park. Final location TBD but most likely on the concession patio as electric is easily accessible. No cost to Park. Motion to approve by Shaun Ziems, seconded by Barbara Sim. Roll call: Shaun Ziems yes, Barbara Sim yes, Wade Callahan yes, Jackie Van Overmeiren yes. Motion passed 4/0/0.

Motion to go into Executive Session by Shaun Ziems, seconded by Barbara Sim. Roll call: Shaun Ziems yes, Barbara Sim yes, Wade Callahan yes, Jackie Van Overmeiren yes. Motion passed. 9:49 p.m.

Motion to reconvene regular Board Meeting by Jackie Van Overmeiren, seconded by Barbara Sim. Roll call: Jackie Van Overmeiren yes, Barbara Sim yes, Wade Callahan yes, Shaun Ziems yes. Motion passed. 10:23 p.m.

D. AUTHORIZE RELEASE OF EXECUTIVE MINUTES– Motion to authorize release of minutes of Executive Sessions:

June 28, 2016

January 7, 2020

February 4, 2020

by Shaun Ziems, seconded by Jackie Van Overmeiren. Roll call: Shaun Ziems yes, Jackie Van Overmeiren yes, Wade Callahan yes, Barbara Sim yes. Motion passed 4/0/0.

E. AUTHORIZE MODIFICATION TO TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT –Motion to lay-off Bonnie Schick and Jennifer Price until resumption of RecCare program by Jackie Van Overmeiren, seconded by Shaun Ziems. Roll call: Jackie Van Overmeiren yes, Shaun Ziems yes, Wade Callahan yes, Barbara Sim yes. Motion passed 4/0/0.

8. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATION/PETITIONS – Barb attended Lincolnway Special Recreation Area board meeting. LWSRA has changed ‘designated scholarship’ to Hawks Bucks. Monies are fund-raised, donated and credited to individuals for payments of future programs. General Scholarships are now called “Financial Assistance”. Terms have been made clearer to eliminate confusion. Employee discount for programs discussed.

9. ADJOURNMENT – Motion to adjourn by Barbara Sim, seconded by Shaun Ziems. Roll call: Barbara Sim yes, Shaun Ziems yes, Wade Callahan yes, Jacki Van Overmeiren yes. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Sim, Board Secretary